

# FAMILY FUN



'Til Midnight at the Nasher includes a movie, picnic dining and much more.

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## Special programs add to summer's fun at art and cultural centers

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One of the best-kept secrets of summer is how much fun it can be for kids to slip away to museums. Yes, museums — especially when they set aside regular free and activity-packed days that make learning a blast. In addition, admission to the regular collections at the Crow Collection of Asian Art, the Kimbell Art Museum, the Latino Cultural Center, the Amon Carter Museum of American Art and the Sid Richardson Museum is always free, although most charge for some special events, exhibitions and classes.

Here are some favorites:

**DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART** The museum has two big free family summer days planned, plus its monthly First Tuesdays programming.

■ 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas. 214-922-1200.  
DallasMuseumofArt.org.

**BooksArt:** The fest features authors, illustrators, musicians and workshops. Highlights include *Rotten Ralph* author and Newbery Medal winner Jack Gantos and actor-turned-author Taye Diggs, who has teamed up with Coretta Scott King Award winner Shane Evans on the children's book

*Chocolate Mel*, about feeling different and trying to fit in. June 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WFAA Family First Day:** The July 28 event offers art-making activities, music, performances and sketching from 11 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m.

**First Tuesdays:** The first Tuesday of each month is packed with art activities and entertainment. The June 5 theme is, fittingly, "Summer Days," featuring Radio Disney, a chance to make a leash for an invisible dog, get a temporary tattoo, sketch with artist Solange Mariel, take part in a family art competition and see *String Fling*, a puppet show by Le Theatre de Marionette. June 5, July 3 and Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.